

let him win in the fight. He knew he had faults.

They seemed to him to be an endless million. But

God's patience is limitless. So he was sure of forgiveness. But it seemed at times as if

God did not look his way. He thought of God, but He did not

know him. He served God but He was not aware

of this servant. How should he live? How should

he bear existence? God alone was life and light

and way for him. He was all the sorrows and all the

joys of life to him. He knew none else. God alone

was his. His father and his mother was He and his

only relative. As physician to the disease of *Samsara*

Basavanna had approached Him. He who was the

giver of faith should take mercy on the devotee. In

one saying Basavanna expressed the attitude of final

surrender.

"When I have said that this body is yours, I have no other body; when I have said that this mind is yours, I have no other mind; when I have said that my wealth is yours, there is no other wealth for me. If I have known that all these three possessions of mine are yours, what further thought need I take, O God Kudala Sangama?"

The sayings given above indicate the directions

in which the mind of this great teacher of the people

flowed and of the pattern of thought which he set to

his followers. Basavanna was a sincere seeker after

truth and could make sacrifice for what he

thought was
the truth. He felt a love for mankind that
we see only
in the greatest teachers of humanity, Love
of man-
kind, pity for mankind, pity indeed for all
life, was
the central fact of Basavanna's religious
teaching. In
the midst of wealth and power he strove
for realisation